

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

October 30, 2007

**Aldermen Duval, Lopez,
Gatsas, Garrity, Pinard**

5:15 PM

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Gatsas, Pinard

Absent: Alderman Garrity

Messrs.: Virginia Lamberton

Chairman Duval addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Ordinance Amendments:

“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Assistant Director-Accounting & Reporting, and Assistant Director-Treasury) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Attorney I & II) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (VISTA Project Manager) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

Alderman Lopez moved to recommend that the first and second ordinance amendments listed ought to pass. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Duval stated Alderman Lopez has a question regarding the third listed ordinance relating to the VISTA Project Manager.

Alderman Lopez stated I just want clarification and maybe it reads right but is this the individual that is going to perform under supervision and direction of a superior...who determines that and shouldn't it be written in as to who the superior is going to be?

Ms. Virginia Lamberton, Human Resources Director, stated more often than not we don't put in who the superior is because...maybe it's 50/50 because it changes. In larger departments you can have people being reassigned from one person to another. In this instance, at this point in time the position has been assigned to the Public Health Director and I think the Public Health Director is suppose to be analyzing whether or not it belongs there because they get a lot of VISTA volunteers and they have the space so the director could actually see the person and keep track of the activities. There's also other support there...there's a business service officer who can counter sign personnel action forms and so we have some checks and balances here.

Alderman Lopez stated all employees are assigned to some department.

Ms. Lamberton stated that's correct.

Alderman Lopez stated this doesn't say that. I'm just wondering if there should be a notation...always can be changed...if it's going to be assigned to the Health Department maybe they should report to the Health Department.

Ms. Lamberton stated again it's not for me to say that because I don't think the Mayor's come to that conclusion yet. I suspect that is the conclusion he will come to based on just some of the things I've heard.

Alderman Lopez asked would there be some confusion if something else happened along the lines saying well he's not my superior I don't need...

Ms. Lamberton stated I'm thinking out loud now but I think probably it would be better to put it there now and then if we wanted to change it later or the Mayor wanted to change it later we could come back and change that because we do need the checks and balances that's one of the reasons why we had the problem we had was there weren't any checks and balances.

Alderman Lopez moved to amend the class specifications to read that the individual (or whatever terminology you think would be appropriate) to the Health Department Director.

Ms. Lamberton stated I will revise that and get that to the City Clerk's office.

Alderman Gatsas asked is there any way we could put it so that it would say the Health Department or any other department as deemed by the Board.

Ms. Lamberton stated that's fine.

Alderman Gatsas stated at least it makes it easier when we do it.

Alderman Lopez stated that's fine.

Ms. Lamberton stated we wouldn't have to keep coming back here then...or any other department as deemed by the Board okay.

Chairman Duval asked is Director Soucy okay with that. I see him nodding yes, okay.

Alderman Lopez moved to amend the third ordinance as proposed by Alderman Gatsas. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee